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THE LABOR QUESTION.

Within a few months, a large number of now existing labor contracts will expire. A very serious situation will then stare the planters in the face. It is safe to say that a very small fraction of the laborers who become free will sign new contracts or work at the wages now paid to them. We do not doubt that there is "labor" enough in the islands to satisfy the demands of the planters, but the men will not work as cheap laborers or submit to the conditions exacted under the contracts.

The question then arises: Are the plantations at present in such financial circumstances as to allow of increased wages and uncertain labor supply? We do not think so. When sugar was high and enormous dividends were declared, we fought against "cheap" labor. Times are changed and circumstances altered. The plantations now do need cheap labor to enable them to exist and it is peremptorily necessary for the government to facilitate that object.

In its attempt to pander to the professional anti-Asiatics who in a vague kind of way get hysterical and fanatic whenever Asiatic labor is mentioned but who hold the bayonets on which Mr. Dole is resting his presidential fundament, the government has placed so many obstacles in the way of further immigration that the planters are in a very bad dilemma indeed. It was decided that a limited number of Chinese should be allowed to enter Hawaii as agricultural laborers and with the condition that they should be returned to China after the expiration of their contracts. A prominent merchant from Honolulu proceeded to China, but he writes to his associates here that under the conditions improvised by the government not one Chinese will leave his home and come here. People as a rule emigrate for the purpose of bettering their conditions. No man will be willing to sever his home ties for the purpose of slaving on a plantation with the knowledge that, as soon as all the work it is possible to squeeze out of him has been obtained, say during three years, he is to be returned whence he came to reassume his former miserable conditions. We will get no more Chinese even if the Japanese government would overlook the breach of faith on the part of the Hawaiian government in its attempt to introduce more of them.

In regard to further Japanese immigration it has been tabooed by the republic. Owing to other serious remonstrances of the leading sugar men the Government decided a few weeks ago to modify the existing rules and allow H. Hackfeld & Co. to import a limited number of Japanese. But the conditions imposed on the importers were such as to frustrate the scheme and render it impossible for the planters to entertain it for a moment. The Government wanted the planters to

pledge themselves to import 20 percent of Portuguese of the total amount needed.

The planters cannot stand more Portuguese immigration. The last lot cost them over \$210 a head. How Mr. Thurston, who managed the affair, reached that figure has yet to be seen. The planters are wise enough not to take any unnecessary chances of a repetition of the dose. The original Portuguese laborers cost the planters about \$125 a head. Not long ago an order was made by a business firm in Portugal which has great experience in the immigration business to furnish Hawaii with from one to five thousand laborers at a cost of at least 25 percent cheaper than the first lot. The planters and the Government preferred giving Thurston a chance for a junketing expedition. He got the trip and the others got the experience.

What is to be done is a question of interest not alone to the planters but to the whole community. Even if the Government now took the embargo off Japanese immigration we have reason to believe that it will prove very difficult, if not impossible, to obtain any more Japanese laborers. Millions are needed for Formosa and the Japanese Government will use every endeavor and inducement to colonize that great and fertile island. The only solution we can see of the question is to adopt strict measures towards the large floating population of all nationalities, now roaming about, without working, over town and country. Let the thousands of men in Hawaii without visible means of support be made to go to work, and the planters will cease their complaints. To accomplish this the registration act should have been passed and not shelved till next year—that is if it is calculated to attain that object.

The Warrimoo.

The C. A. S. S. Warrimoo arrived from Sydney yesterday afternoon after an uneventful voyage. She resumed her voyage about 8 o'clock last evening. A very large crowd was at the wharf bidding good-bye to the distinguished persons who departed in her. The cabins reserved for Major Wodehouse and family were most beautifully decorated with the choicest flower offerings by the numerous Hawaiians who sincerely deplored the departure of the man who for so many years has been a staunch friend of the Hawaiian people. Governor Cleghorn, who was a passenger, was smothered in leis, and his arm nearly shaken out of its socket in giving the parting aloha to the multitude of natives and foreigners who bid him good-bye, and sent their messages of love to his daughter, the Princess Kaiulani. Hawaiian Minister Castle and family departed for Washington. The Hawaiians saying good-bye to him were represented by Mr. W. C. Achi. The steamer was in charge of Chief Officer Arundel on this trip, Captain Bird having remained in Sydney.

Address all communications to the Editorial Department of the INDEPENDENT to Edmund Norrie. Business letters should be addressed to G. C. Kenyon. This is necessary for the present as the Post Office will withhold all mails addressed simply to the INDEPENDENT, owing to the suit brought by A. V. Gear.

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S. S. AUSTRALIA

Arrive Honolulu from S. F. Leave Honolulu for S. F.

Aug. 9.....	Aug. 14
Sept. 2.....	Sept. 7
Sept. 30.....	Oct. 2
Oct. 21.....	Oct. 27
Nov. 15.....	Nov. 20

Through Line:

From San Francisco for Sydney. From Sydney for San Francisco.

Arrive Honolulu. Leave Honolulu.

Mariposa.....	Aug. 29	Monowai.....	Aug. 22
Monowai.....	Sept. 25	Alameda.....	Sept. 19
Alameda.....	Oct. 24	Mariposa.....	Oct. 17

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TIME TABLE

From and After July 5, 1895.

TRAINS

Leave Honolulu.....	6:40	9:17	1:45	5:10
Leave Pearl City.....	7:40	9:58	2:28	5:53
Leave Ewa Mill.....	8:10	10:19	2:49	6:14
Arrive Waianae.....	10:54	6:49

TRAINS

Leave Waianae.....	6:44	1:32
Leave Ewa Mill.....	7:19	9:10	2:07	3:51
Leave Pearl City.....	7:50	9:45	2:35	4:22
Arrive Honolulu.....	8:28	10:30	3:11	4:55

On Saturday and Sunday nights, Ewa Mill Passenger Train will arrive in Honolulu at 6:55 instead of 4:55 P. M.
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Friday.....	July 28	Friday.....	Aug. 2
Tuesday.....	Aug. 6	Tuesday.....	Aug. 13
Friday.....	Aug. 16	Friday.....	Aug. 23
Tuesday.....	Aug. 27	Tuesday.....	Sept. 3
Friday.....	Sept. 6	Friday.....	Sept. 13
Tuesday.....	Sept. 17	Tuesday.....	Sept. 24
Friday.....	Sept. 27	Friday.....	Oct. 4
Tuesday.....	Oct. 8	Tuesday.....	Oct. 15
Friday.....	Oct. 18	Friday.....	Oct. 25
Tuesday.....	Oct. 29	Tuesday.....	Nov. 5
Friday.....	Nov. 8	Friday.....	Nov. 15
Tuesday.....	Nov. 19	Tuesday.....	Nov. 26
Friday.....	Nov. 29	Friday.....	Dec. 6
Tuesday.....	Dec. 10	Tuesday.....	Dec. 17
Friday.....	Dec. 20	Friday.....	Dec. 27

Returning will leave Hilo at 1 o'clock P. M., touching at Laupahoehoe, Mahukona and Kawaihae same day; Makana, Maui, Bay and Lahaina the following day; arriving at Honolulu the afternoon of Tuesdays and Fridays.

No Freight will be received after 12 noon on day of sailing.

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